

QUARTERLY REPORT

January - March 1993

Efforts to investigate the Roswell UFO crash case continued during the first quarter of 1993. The Fund received -- and eventually approved -- a proposal by Karl Pflock, a former deputy assistant secretary of defense and currently a full-time researcher/writer, to conduct further research into the case. The grant will support general investigation costs and a field investigation trip to New Mexico to interview additional witnesses and to obtain documentary evidence.

During this period, the Fund also approved a proposal to support research expenses of Leonard Stringfield into reported UFO crash/retrieval cases. The amount of support will be up to \$1,200 in 1993.

On February 6, the Fund sponsored the first of what may be a series of conferences on the UFO abduction phenomenon. Fifty-five persons attended the invitation-only suburban Washington, DC, conference, including abduction researcher Budd Hopkins and 20 "experiencers" -- a dozen of whom participated in a lengthy panel discussion on the phenomenon. The conference was coordinated by board member Richard Hall, who has been conducting a local abduction investigation effort. (Hall's report on the five-year investigation, *Testing Reality: A Research Guide for the UFO Abduction Experience*, is now available from the Fund. See the enclosed Reply Form for details.)

Also during this period, the Executive Committee approved a proposal submitted by John Kasher, Ph.D., professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, to analyze a videotape shot on board the space shuttle *Discovery* in October 1991, which he believes shows truly anomalous objects instead of ice particles (as maintained by NASA). Dr. Kasher proposes to use two graduate students and a \$17,000 work station to conduct the analysis. The committee agreed that the proposal was a worthwhile project and voted unanimously in favor of providing Dr. Kasher with up to \$400.

A panel consisting of board members Don Berliner (an aviation and science writer), Richard Hall (abstractor/editor), and Fred Whiting (former broadcast journalist) selected winners of the 1992 Donald Keyhoe Journalism Award competition, which is sponsored by the Fund. The winners were:

- **First Place:** Christopher Evans of the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* for his article describing a U.S. Coast Guard investigation into the March 4, 1988, landing of an unidentified flying object on a frozen Lake Erie, near Fairport, OH. Evans received a \$500 cash prize.
- **Second Place:** Annette Gillespie, staff writer of the Bradenton, FL, *Herald*, who wrote about the UFO abduction phenomenon, with four articles featuring local abduction witnesses who described their experiences. Gillespie received a \$250 award for her entry.

■ **Third Place:** Dawn Shurmaitis, a reporter for *The Times Leader* of Wilkes-Barre, PA, for a detailed examination of UFO activity and interest in the subject throughout the state. Shurmaitis received a \$100 prize.

■ **Honorable Mention:** Robin Hart, Living Section Editor of the *Foothill Leader* in Glendale, CA, for an article about a UFO "abductees" support group; and Laura Lee Janssen, reporter for the Williamsport, PA *Sun-Gazette*, for an article on a local UFO sighting report.

TREASURER'S REPORT **1st Quarter, 1993**

Income

Donations	\$13,374.00
Sales	3,189.07
Postage	308.66
Interest	<u>46.43</u>
Total Income	\$16,918.16

Current Assets

Checking Account	\$1,637.92
Dreyfus Account	3,199.19
Hanson S&L	2,294.28
Accounts Receivable	<u>941.76</u>
Total Assets	\$8,073.15

Expenses

Program Services	\$14,462.81
Administration	973.82
Fundraising	<u>2,260.34</u>
Total Expenses	\$17,696.97

Long-Term Liabilities

Crash/retrieval research	\$1,200.00
Roswell DC Trip	5,700.00
Roswell research	141.39
WSPG project	840.00
Abduction research	<u>5,740.57</u>

Balance **(\$778.81)**

Total Liabilities **\$13,621.96**

Net Worth **(\$5,548.81)**

Do you support the need for quality reporting into the UFO phenomenon? Then we need your support for the 1993 *Donald Keyhoe Journalism Award*. We must raise at least \$2,000 to administer the award competition for 1993. Copies of the 1992 award winners will be sent to anyone who donates at least \$25.

Unless you have made a contribution to the Fund since January 1993, this may be the last issue of the *Quarterly Report* you will receive. Due to the increasing costs of postage and printing, we simply can't afford to send the *Quarterly Report* to anyone but current donors. Please enclose a contribution of at least \$10 to ensure that you will receive our *Quarterly Report* through 1993.